

1 ABSTRACT

2 The present invention provides an integrated VPN/firewall system that uses both
3 hardware (firmware) and software to optimize the efficiency of both VPN and firewall
4 functions. The hardware portions of the VPN and firewall are designed in flexible and scalable
5 layers to permit high-speed processing without sacrificing system security. The software
6 portions are adapted to provide interfacing with hardware components, report and rules
7 management control.